Letter from the PTA President

Dear Liberty Community,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday with their family and friends. Time has surely flown by. There are only three weeks left until the end of the 2nd quarter. Make sure those kids get back to studying hard and completing their homework.

December was an exciting month with the Library Book Fair, Family Literacy Night, Toys for Tots Toy Drive, Holiday Spirit Week (thanks SCA!), and plenty of holiday parties. The Toys for Tots Drive collected 285 gifts overall. Great job! We would also like to congratulate Mr. Gray on his new position as Assistant Principal.

Our main event this month is Bingo Night on the 19th. It is sure to be a great time had by all with potential to win some very nice prizes. Doors open at 6:30 pm and games will run from 7-9 pm.

As we start another year, we are also looking to fill some very important PTA volunteer positions for the remainder of this year and into next. We invite you to take a look at some of the available positions, join us for the PTA Volunteer Appreciation brunch on February 14th, and help make a difference in your community.

With a new year comes new opportunities for continued growth and development. I wish you all a new year filled with enriching and inspiring experiences!

Take care and stay warm,
Lisa Morales
Liberty PTA President | libptapresident@gmail.com
Treasurer’s Report
As of November, PTA spirit nights have brought in a profit of $1,273. Thank you all for your continued support! The cost for the staff luncheon during American Education Week, catered by Rangoli Indian Restaurant, totaled $800. Since this was $300 over the budgeted $500, members at the December meeting approved the funds to cover the overage. The Family Literacy Night event used $886 of the budgeted $1,000. Members also voted to include a budget of $250 in support of the Student Council Association (SCA). We are hoping to bring in a profit of $1,000 from the Bingo Night event. Have a great new year!

Lisa Geurin | PTA Treasurer | Liberty Elementary School

Upcoming MSAAC Meeting
The next Minority Student Achievement Advisory Committee (MSAAC) Meeting is scheduled for January 18. We hope that you can attend.

Date: January 17, 2018
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: LCPS Administration Building at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn.
For more information about MSAAC go to: http://www.lcps.org/Page/165417.

Eagle Eye Dads

Our Eagle Eye Dads program this year has been a huge success. Thank you to all our Eagle Eye Dads, and Mr. Gray for organizing the schedules for all our dads. There are still a few days available.

You can check the schedule at schedule.eagleeyedads.com and sign up at signup.eagleeyedads.com. If you would like to be an Eagle Eye Dad, but there’s nothing available when you could volunteer, please email at libeagleeyedads@gmail.com.

Thank you!!

William Perry | EagleEyeDads.com | Eagle Eye Dads Coordinator
Girl Scouts
Attention Kindergarten and 1st grade girls! Are you ready to start your adventure in Girl Scouts? Come join us for a Girl Scout sampler on Thursday January 17, 24 and 31 from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Liberty Elementary School library. At the meeting, you and your parent/guardian will discover Girl Scouts, learn songs, do crafts, listen to stores, and, best of all, make new friends. Please see the attached flyer below for more information, and to register please go to www.gscnc.org/join and follow the steps on the attached flyer, also below.

Seminars for Parents
LCPS’s Parent Resource Services is committed to positive relationships among parents, schools and communities to support the development of the whole child. PRS assists families with questions and planning as well as provides resources and training.

Here are PRS's upcoming seminars:
Jan. 4: Integrated Music Support
Jan. 24: Social Competence
Jan. 31: Substance Use Awareness

Seminars will be offered at the LCPS Administration building at 21000 Education Court in Ashburn. To register, call 571-252-6540 or go to http://lcps.org/ParentResourceServices.

More After-School Enrichment Programs Coming Soon!
Registration for the Spring Session for the After-School Enrichment program will start in January. Flyers will be sent electronically via Peachjar and a hard copy will be distributed soon. We are offering a few exciting new programs, including two music classes for 4th & 5th grade students taught by Liberty’s very own music teachers!

January/February Box Tops Contest
We’re collecting Box Tops for Education. Look for the Box Tops logo on products you already buy, clip them, and send them to school in your child’s backpack. It’s really easy! We get 10 cents for each Box Top, so if you fill in the collection sheet below, PTA will get $2.50 from General Mills. We’ll have a new contest every 7-8 weeks. You’re always welcome to send in your Box Tops in a sandwich bag any time. Please double-check that the Box Top is not expired!

Box Tops accepted
January 3rd – February 2nd
Top 3 Classes get a Top Place Winner Banner outside their classroom door!

Please tape, glue or staple 25 Box Tops to the sheet below or place in a sandwich bag and send in via backpack by Feb. 23 to enter the contest. Every child in the three classes with the most Box Tops submitted will be eligible for the prize.

The winning class from the 3rd contest will get to take the new Box Top Eagle stuffed animal until the next winner is announced!
HELP WANTED! We are looking for a few good volunteers!
Liberty’s PTA is made up of dedicated and invested volunteers. The PTA helps raise much needed funds for the school that they would otherwise have to go without. For example, this year the PTA contributed nearly $10,000 in chromebooks alone. We cannot do it without your help. But, here’s what’s in it for you, too. Studies have shown that volunteers:
• Have higher odds of finding employment in today’s job market. This is especially helpful if you have been out of the job force for a while.
• Can build new skills, gain new work experience, and build new professional networks
• Develop higher levels of self-confidence and feel a sense of belonging in community

Currently Vacant Positions:

Recording Secretary (Exec Board):
• Recording the minutes of all PTA board and general membership meetings.
• Maintains the PTA membership list as required by the Virginia PTA.
• Assisting the President as needed.

VP of Fundraising (Exec Board):
• Work with the PTA board to coordinate school fundraising events throughout the year.
• Seeking out business and corporate sponsorships.
• Assisting the President as needed.

Specific Events Chairs/Co-Chairs - Work with VP of Events to plan each of the various events (can be 1 or more people per event)
• Laps for Liberty (September)
• American Education Week (Nov)
• Bingo Night (January)
• PTA Volunteer Appreciation Brunch (Feb)
• STEMmerDay (March)
• Matball (April)
• Dining Nights (ongoing through school year)
• Teacher Appreciation Week (May)
• Muffins with Mom (May)
• School Kits Coordinator (February, Summer)

Positions Opening Up Next Year:
• Volunteer Coordinator (Exec Board)
• After School Enrichment Program Coordinator (ongoing through the year; schedule and coordinate after school enrichment classes and programs)

Note: We need as many volunteers as possible to help with STEMmerday, Matball, and the 5th Grade promotion/celebration. Please contact vclibertypta@gmail.com to be added to the general volunteer list or libertyeventsvp@gmail.com to help with the 5th Grade promotion.

Contact libptapresident@gmail.com if you have questions, concerns, or would like to fill a chair position. Thank you for your support!
Help Make Our School Grounds Beautiful  Let's get the word out! The Beautification Committee will be having a clean-up day in the spring (date and time TBD). If you are interested in participating, are part of a group (like scouts or others) that would be interested, or have ideas for what you would like to see around the school, please contact Alicia Jackson at integrityp31@hotmail.com.

Free Money for Liberty  Link your Giant and Harris Teeter cards to Liberty Elementary and earn our school free money! Do this at the beginning of each school year by clicking on each store link.

GIANT  Liberty school code 05654

GLORY DAYS  Save your Glory Days receipts. Each time you eat at Glory Days, please ask your server for a copy of your guest check. Send the receipt in an envelope to school addressed to the PTA. Glory Days will give 10% of food and non-alcoholic drink purchases back to Liberty.

RED ROBIN  Add Liberty to your Red Robin Royalty Card in the “Burgers for Better Schools” section of your online account at http://royalty.redrobin.com/.

OFFICE DEPOT  Liberty school code 70217870
Shop at
http://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/.

HARRIS TEETER  Liberty school code 7219
http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx

Join Us For BINGO!
Friday, January 19th
Doors open 6:30 PM
Games run from 7-9 pm
Student Name: __________________________
Teacher: ___________________________ Grade: _____
(if ½ day Kindergarten indicate AM or PM)

Contest Dates: January 3 – February 24
Prize: TBD– Top 3 classes!

Please no expired Box Tops – thank you!
TO BE A PART OF THE GIRL SCOUT JOURNEY!

All Kindergarten and 1st grade girls at your school are invited to start their Girl Scout experience in the New Year!

Join us for our

Daisy Girl Scout Sampler
Wednesday, January 17th, 24th, and 31st
5:00 to 6:00 PM
Liberty Elementary School Library
25491 Riding Center Dr., Chantilly, VA 20152

At the meetings you will discover Girl Scouts, learn songs, do crafts, listen to stories, and best of all make NEW friends. Our goal is to establish leadership to form one or more Girl Scout troops and place girls into existing troops in the South Riding community. A parent/guardian is required to attend all three meetings.

The cost is $25 for three meetings.
Financial Assistance is Available.

Please plan for you and your daughter attend all three meetings.
To attend please see the back of this flyer for steps to register.

Your daughter will become a registered member of the Girl Scouts of the USA through participation in this sampler program. However, you will not be assigned to a specific troop. Your daughter can only attend one Girl Scout program per year.

Questions? Please contact:

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